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For: MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, MACHINE

MANAGEMENT APPARATUS,

MAINTENANCE WORK INSTRUCTING METHOD, RECORDING MEDIUM AND

COMPUTER DATA SIGNAL

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated April 28, 2006 (Paper No. 20040326). Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.